

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application. This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

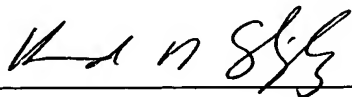
Claim 1 is currently being amended. After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-2 are now pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended to further distinguish claim 1 from the references cited by the Japanese Patent Office on the International Search Report generated during the examination of the PCT priority application.

Applicant notes that the description of the drawings is provided in paragraph (0091) on page 29 of the specification. If required by the examiner, applicant will amend the specification in a subsequent amendment to move the description of the drawings to between paragraphs (0027) and (0028).

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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